

*REMARKS*

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004, Applicants amend their application and request reconsideration. No claims are added or cancelled so that claims 1-7 remain pending.

The Examiner requested that a prior art legend be added to Figures 10A and 11A and replacement drawing sheets including that change are attached.

Two minor errors in the specification, not previously identified are corrected here.

In this Amendment claim 1 is amended and all other pending claims either depend from claim 1 or incorporate claim 1. The amendment of claim 1 is supported by the description in the patent application pertaining to Figure 14, for example from page 24, line 27 through page 26, line 19 of the specification.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected as anticipated by Bierhuizen et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0214617, hereinafter Bierhuizen). The rejection is respectfully traversed as to the claims now pending. Claims 3-5 and 7 were rejected on the same ground and further in view of Levis et al. (U.S. Patent 5,884,991). The basis for the rejection of the other pending claim, claim 6, is not entirely clear although that rejection at least relies upon the combination of Bierhuizen and Levis. It is apparent from the statement of the rejections that if Bierhuizen does not anticipate claim 1, then that claim and the other pending claims are patentable.

In applying Bierhuizen, the Examiner directed attention to paragraph [0063] which pertains to Figure 6 of that publication. The Examiner asserted that the reflector 14 shown in that and other Figures is an ellipsoid of revolution that is aspheric, also referring to paragraph [0052] of Bierhuizen. Even accepting these characterizations of Bierhuizen, it is apparent that it does not disclose a reflector having the optical characteristics described in amended claim 1. Therefore neither of claims 1 and 2, as now presented, can be anticipated by Bierhuizen so that the principal rejection and the subsidiary rejections of the Office Action cannot reasonably be maintained.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of claims 1-7 are earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is also examining U.S. patent application 10/629,669, which is commonly assigned with the present patent application. That co-pending patent application has similar, but not identical inventorship. With this Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, including a Japanese language publication, JP 2002-214563, that corresponds to the co-pending patent application. Consideration of the publication is earnestly solicited.

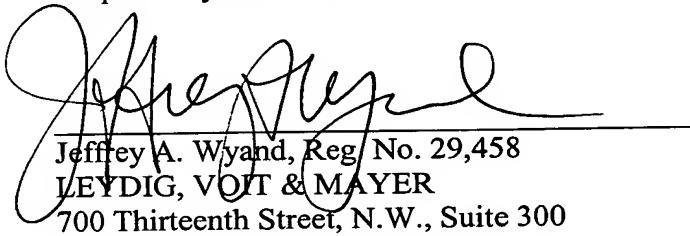
Applicants note, contrary to the official records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, that neither the co-pending application nor this application were filed in

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sufficient time to claim priority pursuant to the Paris Convention from the corresponding Japanese patent application.

Finally, the Examiner indicated that the inventorship of this patent application has been changed and that the application would be forwarded to OIPE for issuance of a corrected filing receipt. The corrected filing receipt has not yet been received and the Examiner is requested to take any action, not yet taken, in order to ensure issuance of that corrected filing receipt. Independently, Applicants have requested a corrected filing receipt from OIPE.

Respectfully submitted,



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*AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS*

The attached sheets include changes to Figures 10A and 11A to which prior art labels have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)